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SUBJ: ISRAELI CRITICISM OF ANERA

1. LOCAL ANERA REP HENRY SELZ HAS GIVEN US A COPY OF
LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM ISRAELI OFFICIAL AVITSOUR UPON
SELZ' RETURN FROM LEAVE ON APRIL 14. AVITSOUR LETTER
ENCLOSES LONG LETTER ADDRESSED TO SELZ FROM COLONEL R. KAHALON
OF MILGOV DATED APRIL 2, WHICH RECITES MANY OF GOI COMPLAINTS
ABOUT ANERA NOTED IN EMBASSY TEL AVIV MEMCON DATED MARCH 20.

2. AVITSOUR HAS ADVISED SELZ THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE
HIM TO DISCUSS ANERA'S PROGRAM FOR 1978-9 AND TO SUBMIT
ISRAELI PROPOSALS TO BE INCLUDED IN ANERA'S PROGRAM (AS
DEPARTMENT AWARE, ANERA'S PROPOSALS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO AVITSOUR
IN DECEMBER 1977 AND SELZ HAS BEEN WAITING FOR GOI RESPONSE.)
SELZ WILL SEEK EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH AVITSOUR.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SELZ THAT ANERA HEAD GUBSER WAS
RECENTLY IN DEPARTMENT AND AID TO DISCUSS GOI-ALLEGED
PROBLEMS BETWEEN ANERA AND ISRAELIS. ACCORDING TO SELZ,
GUBSER WAS GIVEN WORDS OF SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT
REGARDING ANERA'S PROGRAM AND METHOD OF OPERATION. IT WOULD
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BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD HAVE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON THIS TALK
WITH GUBSER FOR OUR BACKGROUND.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF KAHALON LETTER:

BEGIN QUOTE:

"DEAR MR. SELZ:

RE: TENTATIVE PROJECT PROPOSAL 1978 FOR ANERA'S ACTIVITY IN
JUDAEA AND SAMARIA.

IN REFERENCE TO YOUR PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS CONCERNING
ANERA'S ACTIVITY IN JUDAEA AND SAMARIA IN 1978, WE WOULD
LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF
THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE REGARDING THE OPERATIONS
OF YOUR ORGANIZATION IN JUDAEA AND SAMARIA.

(1) THE OBJECT OF ANERA'S ACTIVITY, ACCORDING TO ITS POLICY
AS STATED IN ITS OWN PUBLICATIONS, IS TO PROVIDE AID FOR THE
REFUGEES. THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WILL THEREFORE SUBMIT
FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION PROJECTS WHICH WILL ENABLE ANERA TO
PROVIDE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO THAT SECTOR OF THE
POPULATION WHOSE NEEDS ARE GREATEST AND ARE NOT FULLY COVERED
BY THE UNRWA BUDGET.

(2) AS ONE OF THE MAIN PURPOSES OF ANERA IS TO OBTAIN THE
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY DONATIONS FOR RELIEF, RECONSTRUCTION
AND OTHER URGENT NEEDS, FROM INDIVIDUALS IN THE USA AND PRIMARILY
FROM USAID, TO AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATIONS IN JUDAEA AND SAMARIA,
IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO BE UTILIZED IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE
WAY. IT IS THEREFORE IMPERATIVE THAT THOROUGH CONSULTATIONS
BE HELD WITH THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND THE
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MILITARY GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS CONCERNING PROJECTS, THROUGH-
OUT ALL STAGES OF THEIR PLANNING AND EXECUTION.

IN THE PAST, OWING TO ITS STATED POLICY OF MINIMIZING
ITS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT, ANERA HAS TENDED
TO OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY AND ITS PROJECTS WERE COORDINATED
DIRECTLY WITH THE RECIPIENTS, SO THAT THE MILITARY GOVERN-
MENT WAS PRESENTED WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI. WE HAVE REACHED THE
CONCLUSION THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR
AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION OF THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION IN THE PROCESS OF
ALLOCATING ANERA GRANTS, ARE ESSENTIAL BEFORE ANY COMMITMENT
IS MADE BY ANERA TO THE RECIPIENTS.

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(3) WE EXPECT A SIMILAR APPROACH TO THE DETERMINATION OF OBJECTIVES. IT IS OUR BELIEF, BASED ON A KNOWLEDGE OF PREVAILING SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN THE AREA, THAT AS ITS NEXT PRIORITY AFTER REFUGEE AID, ANERA SHOULD DEVOTE ITS RESOURCES TO THE RURAL POPULATION, WHO MAKE UP SOME 80 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE AREA, AND ARE IN GREATER NEED OF AID AND RECEIVE LESS THAN THE URBAN INHABITANTS. THE EMPHASIS IN THESE PROJECTS SHOULD BE PLACED ON WELFARE, WHICH, LIKE THE REFUGEE PROGRAMMES, IS A FIELD OPEN TO YOUR INITIATIVE AND PROPOSALS, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE PROGRAMMES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND, IN SPECIAL CASES, WIDER ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELDS OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES, AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION, ACCORDING TO PROPOSALS WHICH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WILL SUBMIT TO YOU.

(4) OWING TO THE SENSITIVITY OF SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THE AREA, THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER EACH PROJECT ON ITS MERITS, AND WE MUST JUDGE THE PRIORITIES OF ANERA PROJECTS IN THE LIGHT OF EXISTING SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND OUR OWN PRIORITIES.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE WELCOME THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL FOREIGN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING US VOLUNTARY AGENCIES,
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AND THEIR EFFORTS TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS OR COMMUNITIES IN JUDAEA AND SAMARIA. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, ALL INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES HAVE SINCE 1967 ACCEPTED THE PROCEDURE THAT THEIR PROGRAMMES MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT ONCE THESE BASIC TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE MADE CLEAR, WE WILL SPEEDILY REACH A FAVOURABLE UNDERSTANDING ON THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF ANERA.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

COLONEL R. KAHALON
HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION AND
SERVICES BRANCH"

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